7. To Educate through Electronic and Print Media the ways and means to enhance the performance of the sportspersons without the consumption of the banned drugs.

(b) and (c) Since the Commission has just been formed, it needs some time to furnish its report.

Rescheduling of Afro-Asian Games

2886. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be plesed to state:

(a) whether Afro-Asian Games to be held in India have been postponed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government would use this postponement to further upgrade the facilities and infrastructure of the stadia; if so, the details of the facilities and infrastructure proposed to be provided for the Games;

(d) whether the dates for this prestigious event have been or are being finalized;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In view of the emerging security scenario in the country in the backdrop of the terrorist attacks in the United States of America, the staging of the Afro-Asian Games at New Delhi from 3rd to 11th November, 2001 have been postponed.

(c) The required up gradation of facilities and infrastructure of the Sports Authority of India's Stadia for staging Afro-Asian Games has been completed.

(d) to (f) In view of the dynamic security scenario in the region at present, the dates are yet to be finalized.